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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Olar News.

Olar, January 17.—A large crowd of people were in town every day last week, buying horses and mules, borrowing money from the bank, and trading in general. Money and supplies are going to be easily gotten this spring, owing to the very prosperous condition of things, but everything is so awful high in price its going to be an expensive year for those that have to buy everything they use, even if cotton does bring 13 cents next fall.

Mrs. Amanda McMillan, of Lodge, is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Kearse.

E. H. Henderson and Wesley Crum, Esqs., of Bamberg, were here on Friday to argue a case before Magistrate W. B. Chitty.

We have been reliably informed that Dr. Ed. Kirkland and family will move to Bamberg in the near future. Dr. Kirkland has practiced his profession here for about two years to the general satisfaction of his large number of patrons, who regret very much to see him go. Then, too, he and his family will be missed very much from a standpoint of good citizenship and sociability. Bamberg's already strong medical force and social circle will be strengthened very much by the Doctor and his family.

Mr. J. M. L. Kirkland, of Beaufort, visited relatives here last week.

We regret to publish the illness of Mr. G. J. Bessinger, and hope he will soon be restored to health.

Mrs. J. Ham Kirkland and children are on a visit to relatives at Johnston.

Mr. W. M. Sandifer, who served as town marshal here for about a year, has moved with his family to Johnston, where he has a position as clerk in a grocery store.

Mr. B. Frank Sadler is now our town marshal.

Seaboard Air Line South bound through freight train, which passes here about six o'clock in the morning, was wrecked near Fairfax this morning. Three cars of rock were piled up on the track, making it impossible for any trains to pass until the wreck is removed. The Florida Limited, which was close behind the freight, had to back up to Denmark and use the Southern track. Nobody was hurt.

Messrs. G. C. and H. L. Kearse, of Schofield, spent Sunday in town.

Last week we said Miss Ruth Ables, of Leesville, was teaching in Miss Romanstine's place. We were mistaken. Miss Lucile Jones, of La-Grange, Ga., has the place instead of Miss Ables.

Mr. R. R. Barker, of Fairfax, was in town Friday.

An examination will be held on February 5th by the civil service commission to fill the vacancy on Rural Route No. 1, caused by the resignation of Mr. Jno. M. Kirkland. Several have in applications.

Mrs. Emma Gunnels, wife of Mr. E. J. Gunnels, died this morning at 9 o'clock. She had been troubled with heart disease for some time, this being the cause of her death, after several weeks confinement to her bed. She was sixty years old. She leaves to mourn her departure, besides a host of relatives and friends, her husband, four sons, and four daughters. The interment will be at the Starr cemetery tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. H. R. Pearlstein and little daughter, Dorothy, have returned home after spending several weeks with relatives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. Leighton A. Hartzog, of Govan, has located here to practice his profession. Dr. Hartzog is a bright, energetic young man, and graduated at Charleston College in the class of 1909 with high honors. We are glad to have him a citizen of our town and wish him much success.

B. G. J.

The ladies of the Civic League are endeavoring to get them a chapter house.

PRETTY GOVERNESS MURDERED.

Foul Crime in Summer Home Near Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., January 13.—Sarah O. Breymer, aged 26 years, a pretty and cultured governess at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Compton, at Millbrook, Dutchess County, was found in her bed early this morning strangled to death. Frank Schermerhorn, aged 26, employed as coachman on the Compton place, was brought here charged with the murder. Late this afternoon he made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide, cutting his throat with a razor.

About three o'clock this morning Mary Fennell, a maid in the Compton house, was awakened by a noise and says she saw a man's form disappear out of the corridor. She ran to awaken the governess, and not receiving any reply, entered Miss Breymer's room. The governess, was found lying in bed, her face black and finger prints on her throat. Life was extinct.

On a cot in the room was little Polly Compton, aged three years, unharmed. The maid quickly summoned the coachman, and when he arrived the sheriff and police of this city were notified.

The officers questioned the maids and servants and the coachman, Frank Schermerhorn. They found that Miss Breymer's hands had been tied, the big chest containing the silverware had been forced and several of the rooms were in disorder, making it appear as though the tragedy had been part of a burglary.

Chief of Police Charles J. McCabe went to the coachman's house late this afternoon to further question him, and not receiving any answer to his summons, went up into the coachman's bed room. The room was dark, and on throwing open the blinds, the chief's attention was attracted by a trickling sound under the bed. Investigation revealed Schermerhorn lying under the bed with his throat cut and blood dripping in a pool on the floor.

Schermerhorn was taken into custody. On the table in his room the chief found a note, which read:

"My Dear Wife: I am not guilty. (Signed) "Frank."

Schermerhorn, although very weak, said that he stood watching under a window of the Compton mansion while Shtiro Chashi, the Japanese butler, committed the deed. This statement the police discredit, and say there is no doubt that Schermerhorn strangled the governess to death, either during or following a criminal assault.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, January 15.—Our farmers are as much in love with cotton as ever, and are renewing their efforts to overcome all difficulties in the way of making a large crop.

There was an important meeting of the directors of the Citizens' Bank. A lot has been bought for a nice new building, and Mr. Geo. Sanders was elected one of the directors. The cashier's salary was increased and all are smiling at the prospect of a flourishing institution.

Misses Viola Myrick, of Ulmer, Nora Dean, of Ridgeland, and Carrie Myrick, of Allendale, were guests of Mrs. Lily Myrick recently.

Miss Annye Moye attended the Rizer-Hartzog wedding at Olar and reported a "grand time."

A letter from Ellen Rawl at Port Royal says: "Ruth Wilson married recently a Mr. Sineath." Both of these girls lived here, and are well remembered by many.

Mrs. Ulmer has moved back into her own house. Mr. S. Talley is snugly ensconced in O. Youmans's house, and there are many other changes.

There were many pleasant reunions here Xmas. All of Mr. G. S. O'Neal's family were together for the first time in many months.

The teachers have returned to work with renewed zest, after a pleasant stay with loved ones.

Mr. Geo. Sanders returned from Florida well pleased with his trip.

Some of us are resolved to bring more sunshine this new year. A bright face, gentle voice, a loving heart are all the equipment we need to spread joy and gladness.

Cooper Hearing Postponed.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 17.—The hearing before the supreme court of the case of the State against Col. Duncan Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, convicted and sentenced to 20 years each in the penitentiary by the lower court for the murder of Senator E. W. Carmack in this city on November 9, 1908, has been postponed until February 1.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Dock Foster, a white man, was tried in Spartanburg last week for the crime of murdering his wife, and acquitted. The evidence against him was circumstantial only.

At the negro race conference in Columbia last week resolutions were passed asking the legislature to move the State negro college from Orangeburg to some other point in the State.

Governor Ansel has reappointed Mr. Giles L. Wilson, of Spartanburg, as State bank examiner. Mr. Wilson has made a fine official, and was highly recommended for reappointment.

According to a statement prepared by Comptroller General Jones, it now costs \$774,238 more to run the State than it did a few years ago. New offices have been created and salaries increased until the expenses are now way above what they were a few years ago.

W. H. Sellers, the notorious blind tiger keeper of Columbia, who was found guilty in the circuit court in Columbia last week for selling whiskey, was fined \$500 or six months in jail by Judge Prince. He paid the fine. Sellers it will be remembered killed a dispensary constable who was trying to enter his house, for which crime he was acquitted by a Richland jury.

Colston Doings.

Colston, January 18.—We are having some pleasant weather for the past few days.

Miss Letitia Bishop and Mr. Joseph McMillan were happily married last Sunday evening by Rev. D. B. Groseclose. They left Monday for their home near Lodge. The attendants were: Mr. Lish Jones with Miss Leila Padgett, Mr. Charlie Caldwell with Miss Lizzie McMillan, Mr. Laurence Bishop with Miss Nannie McMillan, M. Johnson McMillan, with Miss Annie Bishop.

Mr. William Besinger and niece, Miss Page, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Padgett last Sunday.

Miss Leila Padgett is visiting friends and relatives at Midway this week.

Mr. J. J. Avant, from Adams Run, is visiting friends and relatives on Colston this week.

We are sorry to know that Mrs. Annie Folk is still suffering with rheumatism.

Miss Jessie Dyches, who has been spending some time with her cousin, returned to her home near Hilda last Saturday.

Messrs. Jacob and Melvin Bishop, from Walterboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bishop last Sunday and Monday.

Mr. J. S. McMillan visited Mr. G. L. Bishop last Sunday and Monday.

Messrs. Clinton Free, Johnie Kirkland, and sister, visited Mrs. A. E. Folk last Sunday.

There will be a birthday dinner at Mrs. Mary Beard's, Saturday, January 22nd. Everybody is cordially invited to attend with well filled baskets.

A. B.

Cow Wears Shoes Now.

Ruth is certainly the most distinguished cow in Connecticut. She can be driven to a carriage, sulky, sleigh or wood sled, and understands the meaning of a jerk on the reins and "giddap" as well as any horse. As if this were not enough, she now enjoys the extra distinction of being the only cow wearing shoes in New England.

The honor was thrust upon her yesterday, when her owner, Rupert Stevens, of Hartland, drove her to town and had Marshall Case, the village smith, do the work. Case has been in business fifteen years, but never shod a cow before. He was loth to take the job, but Stevens was so insistent that Case buckled Ruth into an ox frame and put on four shoes with calks. Rupert wanted her roughshod so she wouldn't slip on the icy roads.

Ruth, who is four years old, behaved well and seemed pleased with her footgear. Her owner began breaking her when she was a calf.—New York World.

WAR ON GAMBLING IN FUTURES.

Conference Looking to Renewal of Fight Held at White House.

Washington, January 13.—A conference looking to the renewal of the fight on gambling in futures was held at the White House late to-day when President Taft took the subject up with Representatives Scott, of Kansas, Lovering, of Massachusetts, and Burleson, of Texas. The discussion was based on the bill introduced by Mr. Scott last year forbidding Inter-State telegraph, telephones and the mails to transmit messages with reference to future contracts for the sale of farm products where there is no intention to deliver the products. Attorney General Wickersham and Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations were present at the conference. In the end the whole matter was referred to the Attorney General for consideration as to the form of the Scott bill and to Commissioner Smith for recommendation in the light of his previous investigation of the methods of the cotton exchanges.

It is expected there will be a hearing on the bill some time in the near future, at which representatives of those who desire to oppose the new legislation may be heard.

Denmark Doings.

Denmark, Jan. 17.—A very pleasant event in the social life of Denmark was the recent installation of officers by the local Masonic lodge, followed by a banquet at the Denmark hotel. The Masonic officers for the ensuing year are as follows: W. M., C. R. Hooton; S. W., Frank Sturgeon; J. W., Asa Baxter; S. D., Clarence Cox; J. D., John Booser; treasurer, J. B. Gilliam; secretary, Dr. J. S. Matthews; tiler, S. W. Creech.

Immediately after the business of the lodge had been transacted the members adjourned to the Denmark hotel, where an elaborate banquet was served by the genial proprietor, Col. J. R. Owens, ably assisted by Mrs. Owens as master of the culinary department. The menu, daintily composed of the most excellent delicacies of the season, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Knights of Pythias officers for the year are as follows: Chancellor commander, C. R. Hooton; vice chancellor, Geo. Riley; prelate, J. S. J. Faust; master at arms, H. R. Gilliam; master of exchequer, J. B. Guess; keeper of records and seals, J. Arthur Wiggins; master of work, H. B. Rice; outer guard, W. B. Kittrell; inner guard, W. L. Riley.

Rev. B. F. Allen, the pastor of the Baptist church here, has returned after a two months' illness at his home in Latta. Mr. Allen is doing a fine work here and is very popular not only in his own church but with the other denominations.

The decided increase in the registration in the Denmark hotel during the past year, greatly exceeding that of any year in the past, is a good showing for the rapid growth of business here and also very complimentary to the present owner and proprietor, Col. J. R. Owens. Mr. Owens, who is a typical Southern gentleman of the old school, although over 60 years old, is as youthful as any of the "boys," whom he delights in entertaining and he radiates geniality and good cheer with about as little effort as a red hot stove throws off heat. Mr. Owens is a loyal Charlestonian as well as skillful setback player and he prides himself upon both of these virtues. He is one of only two surviving members of the Johnson Rifles of Charleston and very interesting are the stories he can relate concerning the days when running the blockade. Col. Owens is an enthusiastic member of the different fraternities, including the Elks and Knights of Pythias. In his hotel the guests feel at home and not between four barren walls, and every man on the road is his friend. Being a man of means, he does not run a hotel from necessity, but in order that he may be in a position to play setback with the "boys," as he affectionately terms the traveling men.

Killed His Father.

Detroit, Jan. 16.—A Detroit Free Press special from Ludington, Mich., to-night says that Charles Smith, of that city was fatally shot last night by his 14-year-old son. The father is said to have been crazed with drink at the time and was threatening to harm his wife.

The son, Henry, was defending his mother when the father grappled with him. Managing to escape, the lad secured a shotgun and cried out: "Pa, stop or I'll shoot you." The father rushed at him and he fired.

The coroner and police refused to prosecute the boy.

PRISONERS BEAT JAILOR.

INMATES MAKE SENSATIONL ESCAPE FROM CAMDEN JAIL.

Jailor Smothered in Blanket and Fastened in Cell While Prisoners Unlocked Doors and Got Away.

Camden, Jan. 18.—After beating, choking and stamping Jailor John Boone, five prisoners at the Camden county jail this afternoon smothered the jailor in a blanket, threw him in a cell and made their escape. One of the prisoners was later recaptured by a citizen who joined in the hue raised after the miscreants. Eight prisoners did not take advantage of the chance to escape.

Al. Fields, who was arrested some time ago in Columbia on the charge of fraudulently claiming to represent a Chicago firm, is said to have planned the escape, and he was assisted largely by Ellerbe Thomas, a negro of Liberty Hill who is charged with murder.

When Mr. Boone was making his afternoon round at about 4.30 o'clock he was set upon by the prisoners. The jailor, who is an old Confederate veteran, put up a game fight, but the odds were against him. He was choked almost senseless and had a bad gash made under his eye. He is suffering severely from his injuries.

As soon as the alarm was given by Mrs. Boone, who saw the prisoners leaving, a number of citizens joined the officers in a pursuit of the fugitives. After leaving the jail they went down LaFayette avenue in the direction of the river. Several times the pursuers were in sight of the fugitives but at dark the chase was given up with only one capture made.

John Team, one of the posse of citizens, armed with a rifle, overtook one of the men on the Chestnut Ferry road, some distance from Camden, and at 6 o'clock returned to town with his prisoner. Truesdale was in jail on a charge of housebreaking. The other prisoners who escaped were Milton Banks, convicted of housebreaking and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, who was in jail awaiting result of an appeal to the supreme court, and Sam Green, accused of housebreaking.

Negroes Tried in Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, Jan. 17.—On Thursday Tom Barnes, Sr., Josephine Barnes, his wife, and Tom Barnes, Jr., his son, of about 17 years, were convicted for the murder of Tom McDaniels, who lived on the place of Charlie Inabinet, situated on the Belleville public road, about six or seven miles Northeast of this city.

The defendants testified that the killing was due to a dispute over some whiskey which was taken by the wife of the victim from the Barnes home. McDaniels' wife testified that the killing was a result of the elder Barnes turning his hogs out upon McDaniels' crop. The murder was committed in the public road in the front of the Barnes home.

The case is a remarkable one in that a father, mother and son were convicted of murder, with recommendation to the mercy of the court. The fatal shot which killed McDaniels was fired by Tom Barnes, Jr. The father and mother were aiders and accessories to the crime. A motion for a new trial has been made by the defendants' counsel.

On Friday, Mood Reed, a negro preacher, was tried for the murder of Charlie Davis. The evidence in the case was purely circumstantial and the defense tried to prove an alibi. Charlie Davis while walking home up the Southern railway track from Branchville to Sixty-Six one night, was shot from ambush and immediately killed.

The case resulted in a mistrial. The jury went into the anteroom for deliberation at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and remained there until Sunday morning 9 o'clock, when Judge George W. Gage ordered a new trial. The jury remained out 22 hours, being the longest for this county in the past five years.

Saturday afternoon Peter Miller, a wealthy negro, and a negress named Robinson, were tried for the murder of one Asa Hood. The State failed to make out a case and the judge ordered a verdict of not guilty.

We are doing lots of job printing these days, but we always want more work. Keep us busy; we like it. We please the most particular people, and our patronage extends through several counties.

WILL NOT RUN FOR GOVERNOR.

Lyon Will Probably be a Candidate for Attorney General Again.

Columbia, January 17.—The gathering in the legislature of a number of men from every county who are more or less interested in and experienced in politics is always naturally the time for giving more or less definiteness to State politics as to entries for office, and this session preceding a general State primary there is more political talk than usual, but the session is only a week old now and much more interesting developments is expected a little later.

The most important fact, or probability so strong that it practically amounts to a fact, is that Attorney General Lyon will not be in the race for Governor. This will cause keen disappointment among thousands of loyal friends and admirers, who think he should be rewarded with the office of Governor for the long and arduous work he has done in pursuit of the dispensary grafters. And without meaning any disrespect toward Mr. Lyon and his friends it might be remarked that his absence from the gubernatorial race will also be a keen disappointment to those who are after his political scalp, for the whetting of knives for him has been going on for many months among those who have been pinched by his dispensary work or who are opposed to him for other reasons.

Mr. Lyon has made no statement as to his intentions, but the general understanding among those who seem to be satisfied that they have the matter sized up correctly is that Mr. Lyon does not regard his dispensary prosecutions sufficiently complete to warrant his giving so much time to the campaign this summer. He will probably run for reelection to his present position. It has been suggested that he be reserved to run against United States Senator Tillman, and reelection as Attorney General would put him in a position to enter this race, but his friends say he has no intention of making the race against Mr. Tillman.

Ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives M. L. Smith has been spoken of as a likely candidate this summer for Attorney General, but it is likely that he will come back to the House instead and run for Speaker. He will be opposed by Mr. D. D. McColl, of Marlboro. Both are efficient and popular and the race will likely be a close one whether only these two enter or not.

Speaker R. S. Whaley, suave, gracious and kindly as well as always fair and able, has conducted the business of the House with ease and to the entire satisfaction of the House, and the members of the House express regret on learning that he will not again be a candidate for the position. Mr. Whaley has recently been urged from a number of influential sources to enter the race for Governor. He has received scores of letters since he has been here on the subject.

It is likely that there will be three candidates for Governor from adjoining counties—Representative John G. Richards, of Kershaw, Lieut. Gov. T. G. McLeod, of Lee, and Mr. Richard I. Manning, of Sumter. Messrs. Manning and McLeod are positively announced. The adjoining counties of Newberry and Laurens, in the Piedmont section, will also certainly have gubernatorial candidates out next summer—Cole L. Blease, of Newberry, and C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens.

The prohibitionists are active and will make a determined fight for Statewideism at the present session, and believe they can win. The bill they will push will be about the same as that which passed the House last session, with possibly some additions providing enforcement of the law. Dispensary Auditor W. B. West, who will be legislated out of office if Statewideism prevails, will probably be offered the position to see to the enforcement of the prohibition act if it can be passed. He acted as secretary of the recent prohibition conference.

Drunk Negro Kills His Mule.

While in a drunken condition Henry Derrick, a negro of the Townville section, beat his mule almost to death with a stick and then inflicted wounds upon the animal with a knife, from which it died next day. After the animal had been badly slashed Derrick led it to the home of Dr. Hunt, who sewed up the great gashes, but the wounds failed to heal. Derrick was arrested and was taken in charge by Officer Woodbright and locked up, but made his escape from the calaboose, and has not since been located. A reward has been offered for his arrest.—Anderson Mail.